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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: AMENDED PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM FRANCE (A-427-822)

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TO: DIRECTORS OF FIELD OPERATIONS PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, TRADE ENFORCEMENT & CONTROL

RE: AMENDED PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM FRANCE (A-427-822)

- 1. ON MAY 29, 2002, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS AMENDED PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF SALES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE OF CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM FRANCE. THIS IS AMENDMENT OF MESSAGE NUMBER 2155203.
- 2. FOR PURPOSES OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS, THE TERM "CERTAIN COLD-

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ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS" INCLUDES COLD-ROLLED STEEL (COLD-REDUCED) FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS, NEITHER CLAD, PLATED, NOR COATED WITH METAL, BUT WHETHER OR NOT ANNEALED, PAINTED, VARNISHED, OR COATED WITH PLASTICS OR OTHER NON-METALLIC SUBSTANCES, BOTH IN COILS, 0.5 INCH WIDE OR WIDER, (WHETHER OR NOT IN SUCCESSIVELY SUPERIMPOSED LAYERS AND/OR OTHERWISE COILED, SUCH AS SPIRALLY OSCILLATED COILS), AND ALSO IN STRAIGHT LENGTHS, WHICH, IF LESS THAN 4.75 MM IN THICKNESS HAVING A WIDTH THAT IS 0.5 INCH OR GREATER AND THAT MEASURES AT LEAST 10 TIMES THE THICKNESS; OR, IF OF A THICKNESS OF 4.75 MM OR MORE, HAVING A WIDTH EXCEEDING 150 MM AND MEASURING AT LEAST TWICE THE THICKNESS. THE PRODUCTS DESCRIBED ABOVE MAY BE RECTANGULAR, SQUARE, CIRCULAR OR OTHER SHAPE AND INCLUDE PRODUCTS OF EITHER RECTANGULAR OR NON-RECTANGULAR CROSS-SECTION.

SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IN THIS SCOPE ARE VACUUM DEGASSED, FULLY STABILIZED (COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS INTERSTITIAL-FREE ("IF")) STEELS, HIGH STRENGTH LOW ALLOY ("HSLA") STEELS, AND MOTOR LAMINATION STEELS. IF STEELS ARE RECOGNIZED AS LOW CARBON STEELS WITH MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS TITANIUM AND/OR NIOBIUM ADDED TO STABILIZE CARBON AND NITROGEN ELEMENTS. HSLA STEELS ARE RECOGNIZED AS STEELS WITH MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS CHROMIUM, COPPER, NIOBIUM, TITANIUM, VANADIUM, AND MOLYBDENUM. MOTOR LAMINATION STEELS CONTAIN MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS SILICON AND ALUMINUM.

STEEL PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION,
REGARDLESS OF DEFINITIONS IN THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULES OF
THE UNITED STATES ("HTSUS"), ARE PRODUCTS IN WHICH: (1) IRON
PREDOMINATES, BY WEIGHT, OVER EACH OF THE OTHER CONTAINED
ELEMENTS; (2) THE CARBON CONTENT IS 2 PERCENT OR LESS, BY WEIGHT,
AND; (3) NONE OF THE ELEMENTS LISTED BELOW EXCEEDS THE QUANTITY,
BY WEIGHT, RESPECTIVELY INDICATED: 1.80 PERCENT OF MANGANESE, OR
2.25 PERCENT OF SILICON, OR 1.00 PERCENT OF COPPER, OR 0.50
PERCENT OF ALUMINUM, OR 1.25 PERCENT OF CHROMIUM, OR 0.30 PERCENT
OF COBALT, OR 0.40 PERCENT OF LEAD, OR 1.25 PERCENT OF NICKEL, OR
0.30 PERCENT OF TUNGSTEN, OR 0.10 PERCENT OF MOLYBDENUM, OR 0.10
PERCENT OF NIOBIUM (ALSO CALLED COLUMBIUM), OR 0.15 PERCENT OF
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VANADIUM, OR 0.15 PERCENT OF ZIRCONIUM.

ALL PRODUCTS THAT MEET THE WRITTEN PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION, AND IN WHICH THE CHEMISTRY QUANTITIES DO NOT EXCEED ANY ONE OF THE NOTED ELEMENT LEVELS LISTED ABOVE, ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION UNLESS SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED.

THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THIS INVESTIGATION IS TYPICALLY CLASSIFIED IN THE HTSUS AT SUBHEADINGS:

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7209.15.0000, 7209.16.0030, 7209.16.0060, 7209.16.0090, 7209.17.0030, 7209.17.0060, 7209.17.0090, 7209.18.1530, 7209.18.1560, 7209.18.2550, 7209.18.6000. 7209.25.0000, 7209.26.0000, 7209.27.0000, 7209.28.0000, 7209.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.23.1500, 7211.23.2000, 7211.23.3000, 7211.23.4500, 7211.23.6030, 7211.23.6060, 7211.23.6085, 7211.29.2030, 7211.29.2090, 7211.29.4500, 7211.29.6030, 7211.29.6080, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, 7212.50.0000, 7225.50.8085, 7225.99.0090, 7226.19.1000, 7226.19.9000, 7226.92.5000, 7226.92.7050, 7226.92.8050, AND 7226.99.0000.
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ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND

U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE ("U.S. CUSTOMS") PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE MERCHANDISE UNDER INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE A NUMBER OF EXCLUSIONS INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE LANGUAGE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, BUT DUE TO FORMATTING COMPLICATIONS WE ARE UNABLE TO INCLUDE THEM IN THIS EMAIL. FOR A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, PLEASE SEE THE "SCOPE APPENDIX" ATTACHED TO THE NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF SALES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE: CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM ARGENTINA, 67 FR 31181 (MAY 9, 2002), PUBLISHED CONCURRENTLY WITH THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF SALES AT NOT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE IN THE

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ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM FRANCE.

- 3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER A-427-822.
- 4. FOR IMPORTS OF COLD-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM

FRANCE, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATIONS OF SUCH SHIPMENTS ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON

OR AFTER MAY 29, 2002. EFFECTIVE MAY 29, 2002, CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE, FOR SUCH ENTRIES, A CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE MARGIN SHOWN BELOW:

MFR/PRODUCER CUSTOMS ID MARGIN/AD VALOREM

EXPORTER NUMBER PERCENTAGE

USINOR GROUP A-427-822-001 5.17

ALL OTHERS A-427-822-000 5.17

5. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LONGSTANDING POLICY OF THE 1985
TREASURY DECISION AND MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN
COMMERCE AND CUSTOMS, T.D. 85-145, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE
CUSTOMS SERVICE, CUSTOMS OFFICERS MAY ACCEPT EITHER A SINGLEENTRY BASIC IMPORTATION AND ENTRY BOND OR A CONTINUOUS BASIC
IMPORTATION AND ENTRY BOND ONLY IF THE AMOUNT OF THE ESTIMATED
ANTIDUMPING DUTY IS LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT AD VALOREM (OR THE
EQUIVALENT). OTHERWISE, WHERE THE IMPORTER HAS THE OPTION TO POST
A BOND FOR ESTIMATED ANTIDUMPING DUTIES, CUSTOMS OFFICERS MUST
REQUIRE A SINGLE-ENTRY BASIC IMPORTATION AND ENTRY BOND PURSUANT
TO T.D. 85-145. AS HAS BEEN THE CASE SINCE THE MOA AND TREASURY
DECISION, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF
T.D. 85-145 WITH RESPECT TO THESE BONDING REQUIREMENTS.

6. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS
OFFICERS, PLEASE CONTACT, VIA E-MAIL, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE
SUPERVISORY CHANNELS, OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY LIAISON, USING THE
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ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT ANGELICA MENDOZA OR JOHN DRURY, OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-3019 OR

(202) 482-0195, RESPECTIVELY.

7. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

CATHY SAUCEDA

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Company Details

*Party Indicator Value:

I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party

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